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In response to the Final Office Action dated September 30, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 30, 2003, please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/5970.05/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

The Pending Claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.